

144TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 121 W/ H.A. NO. 1
SPONSOR:	Representative Miro
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIFIC OFFENSES.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Effective upon enactment.
2. This Act with House Amendment No. 1, would establish a new crime called "Organized Retail Crime," adding a Felony E penalty for those with at least two prior convictions. This Act also allows prosecution to charge a person with Receiving Stolen Property along with charge of Theft: Organized Retail Theft.
3. The Statistical Analysis Center is estimating that this bill with the amendment will have an impact of between 6 to 8 beds for the Department of Correction.
4. The cost of housing an inmate can be calculated as an allocated or a marginal expense. As an allocated cost, the current estimate for housing an inmate is approximately \$25,000 annually. As a marginal expense, the current estimate is \$5,000.
5. As a marginal expense, the cost is estimated to range between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Total bed expenses, however, indicate a cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

COSTS:

<u>F.Y. 2008</u>	Up to \$40,000
<u>F.Y. 2009</u>	Up to \$40,000
<u>F.Y. 2010</u>	Up to \$40,000

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